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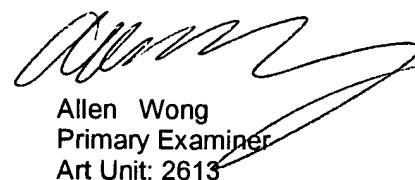
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The reply brief of the application serial number 09/210,775 filed 3/26/04 has already been considered and entered. In response to the remand from the Board of Patent Appeals filed 11/15/04, the set of claims submitted in the Appeal Brief filed on 11/21/03 are not accurate. On the amendment filed 11/5/01, the marked up version of the claims 3 and 4 do not match the version of the claims filed in the Appendix of appealed claims in Appeal Brief filed 11/21/03. On lines 5-6 of claims 3 and 4, on the marked up version of claims in amendment filed 11/5/01, the term "target quantizer step sizes" was used. However, in lines 5-6 of claims 3 and 4 of the Appendix of the appealed claims filed 11/21/03, the term "target step sizes" was used, omitting the term "quantizer". As suggested by the Board of Appeals, the applicants need to submit a new Appendix to the Appeal Brief filed 8/11/03 and 11/21/03 to rectify these discrepancies of the claim language to claims 3 and 4, by including the term "quantizer" in "target quantizer step sizes", so as to advance the case forward.


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